

security Council. He noted that India fully shared the concerns expressed by several leaders on the threat posed to international peace and security by the proliferation of nuclear weapons but emphasized that the only logical route available was to pursue a global approach based on a new international consensus on non-proliferation. He called for universal, comprehensive and non-discriminatory regime for unclear non-proliferation which would be linked to the goal of complete elimination of nuclear weapons.

India has not signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty because that treaty is discriminatory. The NPT symbolises a perpetual division of the world between nuclear have and have-not. We believe that it is only within the work of a time bound programme of eliminating nuclear weapons that the question of horizontal proliferation can be tackled.

Flaring up of Gas at Bombay High

2727. SHRI RAM NIAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of gas produced per day at Bombay High and the quantity being flared up per day;

(b) since when the gas is being flared up and the date when the World Bank aided Gas Flaring Reduction Project (GFRP) was implemented and the progress made thereon so far;

(c) the turn over of oil production in tonnes during 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(d) the reasons for fall in production, if any, and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) In 1991-92, on the average approximately 40 MMSCMD was produced and 8.7 MMSCMD flared

(b) Gas in Bombay High field is being flared since 1976. The implementation of the Project was started in 1991-92.

(c) Production of oil in the country in these years was 34.69 and 33 million tonnes respectively.

(d) There has been a decline in production due to various reasons including reservoir constraints, disturbed law and order situation in the Eastern region etc. Rectificatory law and order situation in the Eastern region etc. Rectificatory action is being taken in the Bombay High and other fields to restore the reservoir voidage balance and new oil field development projects are being implemented.

Safeguards available for an individual

2728. SHRI. ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances under which a citizen of Delhi can be called to the police station/post;

(b) the circumstances and the rules and regulations under which a citizen of Delhi can be subjected to a search of his residence, vehicle etc.,

(c) the competent authority who can order such a search and at what level can such a search be undertaken;

(d) the steps taken to ensure that no citizen is harassed/victims unnecessarily; and

(e) the details of the safeguards available to Citizen against any harassment etc. during the searches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (e). The provisions relating to police officers power to require

attendance of witnesses are contained in Section 160 of the Cr. P.C. and those relating to search by a police officer are contained in Sections 165 and 166 of the Cr. P.C. and Section 62 of the Delhi Police Act. Instructions have been reiterated to all police personnel to deal with the public with utmost courtesy. Senior Police Officers have been enjoined upon to visit police stations regularly to check against the harassment and victimisation of citizens and to deal sternly if any case of abuse or misuse of power comes to notice. The safeguards for ensuring that searches are carried out properly are provided under Section 100 Cr. P.C.

Financial Assistance to Kerala fishermen

2729. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) the financial assistance given to the Government of Kerala under phase -III of the national co-operative development corporation assistance;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala has distributed this amount to the fishermen;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) the financial assistance given to the Kerala State under National cooperative Development Corporation Phase II is Rs. 838 lakhs

(b) The government of Kerala has already released the amount to Kerala State Cooperative Federation for Fisheries Development Ltd (MATSYAFED), who in turn have distributed the Fishing inputs worth of Rs. 75.85 lakhs to Fishermen and Fishing

inputs worth the balance amount will be distributed by 31.03. 1992.

(c) and (d). does not arise.

Earthquake Prone Places in Garhwal

2730. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the report of Indian Institute of Technology in which it is stated that Garhwal region is prone to earthquakes and landslides; and

(b) if so, the steps initiated to move the people of the region to safer places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMNCHANDRAN): (a) Government are not aware of any report of Indian Institute of Technology in which it is stated that Garhwal Region is prone to earthquakes and land slides. However, according to the Seismic Zoning Map of India the districts of Chamoli and three fourths of Pithoragarh lie in seismic zone where MM intensity IX or more are probable. The remaining parts of Garhwal region are placed in Zone IV where maximum MM intensity VIII is likely to occur sometime in the future. The area is also prone to land slides.

(b) The Geological Survey of India has been requested to carry out a Survey to find out the critical villages in the area for rehabilitating the villagers in safer places. A preliminary Survey has already been conducted by the Geological Survey of India.

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Import of Plant products

2731. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have relaxed the rules for import of plant products;